

## **DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY**

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September 6, 2023

Kevin Holt Rocky Mount Cord Company 381 N. Grace Street Rocky Mount, NC 27803

Mr. Holt,

This letter responds to your August 29, 2023, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, assigned DLA FOIA case number DLA-2023-001463 for a copy of the abstracts of offers and offerors listed resulting from your PO list.

Enclosed are the records we have in response to your request which are released in part pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) and 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5).

Due to changes in the DoD FOIA Regulation (32 CFR Part 286, Jan. 5, 2017) and following consultation with DLA Office of General Counsel, DLA has determined that releasing both the CAGE code and the unit price bid of losing bidders would likely constitute release of commercial proprietary information.

As economic theory more strongly supports the value to the market of release of unit price bid vice CAGE code, DLA has determined that the CAGE code of losing bidders must be withheld in accordance with Exemption 4 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). Pursuant to Exemption 4, certain non-government financial information is exempt from disclosure. Exemption 4 protects: trade secrets; or information that is commercial or financial, obtained from a person or entity outside of the U.S. Government, and privileged or confidential.

Internal control numbers associated with funding citations as well as pricing logic elements are withheld under Exemption 5 of the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), which protects internal deliberative records and records the release of which would likely place the government at a competitive disadvantage in the procurement process.

You have the right to appeal this partial denial. An appeal must be made in writing to the DLA General Counsel and reach the DLA General Counsel's Office within 90 calendar days from the date of this letter, and no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Standard Time. The appeal should include your reasons for reconsideration and enclose a copy of this letter. An appeal may be submitted online at <a href="https://foiaonline.gov">https://foiaonline.gov</a>; or by email to: <a href="mailto:dlafoiapaappeals@dla.mil">dlafoiapaappeals@dla.mil</a>; or by mail to: The Office of General Counsel, Defense Logistics Agency, Suite: 1644, ATTN: FOIA Appeal, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6221.

This agency decision concludes the processing of your request(s) referred to above. Both OGIS and the DLA Public Liaison will assist in resolving disputes between FOIA requesters and DLA as a non-exclusive alternative to appeal. Using OGIS or the DLA FOIA Public Liaison does not affect

your right to pursue appeal, nor does it stay the appeal clock. You may contact OGIS or the DLA Public Liaison in any of the following ways:

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DLA FOIA Public Liaison	Office of Government Information Services
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The balance for your FOIA request for \$15.00 on the enclosed invoice is now due. For greater payment efficiency, our agency no longer accepts mailed checks and money orders. Please go to pay.gov for payment options. Please go to the website, place "dla" in the search, scroll down and choose DFAS Columbus Form 6335. Attached for your convenience is a step-by-step instruction guide for using pay.gov. Please email your payment confirmation (receipt) to Foia payment@dla.mil, so we can properly credit your FOIA account.

If you have any questions, please contact Duane McCargo at duane.mccargo@dla.mil, 804-279-4698. Please reference DLA-2023-001457 in any subsequent communication.

Sincerely,

DUANE E. MCCARGO

Freedom of Information Act Specialist